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Bel Bio Hill } Marion May 20th 1837
Wilson County Texas }

Your favours of the sixth was Rec'd by our last Mail. I thank U. you would have wrote us sooner by waiting for Mr Blount & Rowe as they are to start this morning.

I have written to you so recently that I believe I have nothing to say about business.

In regard to our manner of treating Typhoid Fever, it comes as near the do nothing plan as can be to do anything. If it should be complicated that, is connected with Chill & Fever or any other disease it should be treated but in a way that, it will do no harm. For instance if it is complicated with Chill & Fever give Quinine, it will cure the Chill & do no harm to the other disease. We make it a point when Typhoid fever is prevailing no matter what disease we may be called on to treat, to do nothing that, might injure the case should Typhoid fever also be present. We use no active Medicine whatever in this fever. Mercury in all its forms & in any quantity we have utterly thrown aside. Having found it almost poisonous in this disease. One active dose of Calomel about ten, matter what, was before a mild case a bad & sometimes an incurable one.

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Typhoid fever when un mixed often makes its approach so gradually, That, the patient drops perhaps a week before he is really sick, & if let alone at the end of two weeks one half of the cases at least will get well without being at any time seriously sick.

It is the opinion of a very eminent Physician in N. C. – That, many cases may be cured at once by thoroughly cleansing the lower bowells, by pumping quantities of cold water into them so as to remove all irritating matter from them. let the patient have gruel, rice tea, Arrow Root, milk & such as good as any thing they can eat. Should the bowells become swollen or tender, poultis & more them in the gentlest manner possible, by injections of slippery Elm or teaspoonfulls doses of castor oil with a few drops of Spt. Turpentine or very small portions of Epsom salts in pepper tea, Remember always that, what you have to dread is ulceration of the bowells.

Should dysentary occur use laudanum & astringents Tannin, sugar of lead, dubury or blackberry root tea. I would occasionally give 10 drops of Spt. Turpentine 3 times a day. If much fever should prevail sponge it off with tepid water or cold should the skin be very hot. Oil or balm or pepper tea may be allowed if the patient likes them. but do not give it disgusting to the taste.

If Rheumatism should occur along with it you
use liniments to the part, do not use any
thing that may irritate the bowels.

This fever is infectious. In order that it may
not spread amongst your people, have the hands
of the sick well sterilized. Their clothes should
be changed often. Their bed clothes hung out
to sun & air every day.

As Mr. Blown & Powell can give you much
fuller information about the new vaccine &c &c
than I can, I will say nothing upon that subject.

This leaves us all well

Give My love to all

Respectfully Yours &c

Geo. Royce.

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Col John Hill
Waverly Walker Co. Texas

Marion Union Pa. Co. June 17/57

Dr Sir —

Yours favours of the 9th is before me. I have just rec'd a reply to my inquiries concerning the cotton shiped by Mr H. Baldwin for your use to Sullen Thompson & Co They say. "They rec'd such a lot, but without any bill of Lading or advice at all, About the same time they rec'd over 100 bales in exactly the same mark & in consignment from Mr H. L. Dunn in Sicily Island & they had therefore no doubt whatever, but that those 10 bales belonged to him, they therefore returned those 10 bales to him on the 22nd March & that he assured not to have observed the mistake, that they have now corrected the mistake, given you credit for the net proceeds of $1584.31 & advised Mr Dunn of the error." With regard to the Cotton business. I believe that, I informed you in a former communication that nothing was paid until after the death of the old Man. It happened in this wise. Before he knew that a draft would suit you as well. He had sent for his Money by Mr Thompson & Col Jackson, (Who had made the purchase of the Bolland Property) they did

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The old man's money, greatly to his annoyance & displeasure so that, he was unable to pay during the time that, he lived. Now sir for the next part of the story

I had written to Fullum Stevenson & Co to know if I could get 6 or 700 dollars, they answered me that, I could. I immediately instructed them to give you credit for $700. & charge to me. Having no doubt upon the subject, I trust to your money in settling the I Waterman claim against the estate of C Taylor

In a few days after this transaction, I recieve information from F. S. & Co that, for the present they could not advance me any money. That, the pressure in money matters was greater than it had been for a great while, & that they were so fixed that they could make no advance for the present.

I immediately sent them draft to them amount $244.25 the other for $268.00 in all $782.25. They inform me that, this has been collected & placed to your Cr.

I regret very much having made the Waterman transaction as, in doing so, I used your money & for the present am unable to replace it. I hope however it will not inconvenience you much what ever interest it may cost you to replace the damage I will repay. While on this subject I will state progress in the waterman affair.

Judge Richardson wrote to me that, they had

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agreed to take the principal & cash the balance
in a draft for next Spring. I complyed to the
letter with what he said was the agreement. It
appears that he again consulted them that they
were dissatisfied & proposed that I should add $300
to my draft which he (the Judge) strongly advised
In reply I informed him what he had said in his
1st note & proposed a hope that they would not
persist in their last demand & if they did instruct
him to return my money & draft. I have
heard it hinted that the Judge was treating & did
not know but that there might be a fly in
the coals. I wrote also to Waterman but have
heard from neither of them since. Should the
money be refunded, I will abrogate up the agreement
by above stated immediately.

The reason for not sooner I made the inquiry concerning the price of your land has purchased Union
place. Sam Saturn I believe has declined purchasing.
I showed your place to a Mr Isaac Cole
who lives near Tuscaloosa Alabama, He appeared
to be pretty well pleased with it. I told him that
you had offered that portion of it for $6000.
but that, I believed your expected interest at that
price, after some reflection he said he would take
the place at $6000 in three payments 1/3 cash in

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the other two payments to be without interest
he further said that, if you concluded to take
his offer write to him & he would take the
place & pay for it whether he can move to
it or not. It is his intention (if you trade)
to send his son & negroes out in November
but does not expect to come with his family
until he can do so by water, at which
time he will make the 1st payment. The other
payments he says shall be made promptly
as they fall due without any trouble to you
& he looks like a man that will do what he
says. It is the south division of 1960 Acres
that he wants, I told him that, I expected you
would take his offer. You may either give
me your instructions or write direct to him.
Tuscaloosa Ala is his address.

I have also been requested to inquire at what
price you would sell the 800 Acres lying West
of R. Scoggins place. That is a good piece of land
& if I was in your place I would not put it too
low. They are buying up the Old Lowndes place
at $2.50 per Acre. I think land is going to
be a better price in this country before long
One of the men who made the inquiry is by the
name of B. Ellis I have forgotten who the other is or

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You wish to know how I came on settling the D. Troy estate. I have paid the Fullerton note & do not recollect any other claims except a small account held by D. G. Stewart I believe. I have already spoken of the Watterson case.

When I sent up to Evart, he requested not to be served but said that he could pay nothing this year.

The health of our country is very good. I never saw it better. Thought I have to report the death of Mr. George of Typhoid fever. He died on yesterday & was buried the same day. At some other time I will give you the particulars. He is very much regretted.

Our crops are promising. Though backward corn looks fair to make a good yield it is just beginning to silk & tassle. My cotton and are telling finely I have the best cotton crop in the country except Mr. White I do not know which is best mine or hers. A good deal of it is semi high & over it is finely branched out & promises well. Though it was set back by the lice I hope the yield may be equal to its promise.

As soon as a proper time has elapsed, I will sue Mr. George for what he owes me, but I know it will effect nothing for the present. He has no money nor can he get it for the present. He had $4000, due to his merchants from Ala.

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instructing them to give him Cr. for y[r] D[r] to send him the balance. But so great was the pressure in money matters with them that, they kept the whole of it. He was very much incensed & it is said is going to quit them & go to F. S. & R. so that, the chance for money from them can not be very good for the present.

Miss Virginia Bryant & all Lemon Terrell were married on the same night of the decease of W. L. Gorge. The ceremony was performed by old Gorge. This truly must have been a sad mixture of joy & grief.

I will write to Ragenburg by the next Mail & try to learn what he has done in the Keys case.

Monday 29.

I have just returned from C. Absent the two bales of cotton was that, you left to be ginned. Your part of the Co. cotton was left in the hands of Andrews & Lemon, with instructions that, it was to be paid to F. G. & C. to your credit. Ferguson was informed of the fact so he says (Charley) the Amt. was $207.00 some cents I am sorry to hear of your losses

This leaves us all well.

Love to all

Yours Sayles

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Col John Hill
Treasurer Pelican College

Marion Union Pa La
January 14 1859

Dear Sir

Your favour inclosing power of Attorney &c. came duly to hand, I have fulfilled with the Returns & sent Draft to Pullen Williamson & Co. to be placed to your credit, the draft amounts to $1052.91 inclosed you will find a copy of our settlement & perceive that I have added to the amount due you fifty dollars on Pc of Bonds & 91.89 dollars on Pc of B. Taylor & White

Mr Isaac Cole arrived here sometime since with some of his negroes, on the day appointed for finishing titles I went to his house but found that, on hearing that only he stated the day before he would be likely not to get a boat for a week, he had left, leaving his overseer to transact the business for him, who by the way appears to be a very steady, clever, sober man, with a large family of children (some grown & married) He left three notes for $3000 each written after the fashion of a Bill not mentioning interest but instructing his overseer, if they were not satisfactory to make them so. They were all made payable 1st Jany 1st Feby 1st March & so on

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was not being prepared to make the 1st payment the accounts for in this way. A short time before he left Mobile some negroes belong. Chas. at Sheriff's sale & bought them believing that he could get the money in Mobile to answer his purposes here, but the pressure coming on & his cotton not being sold was unable to do so he instructed his overseer to write to them immediately & let him know the address of your Merchants, in order that he might send the money to them which I had instructed him to do. I took his notes made him settle & secured to mortgage, the mortgage I presume is not of much good as his crop had only a verbal agency but I have so much confidence in the man I may say the down that I fear no difficulty about it. The Executor says that Dale has about the same number of Negroes in Ala. that he brought with him which is about 16 or 18. He further says that it is Dales intention to pay the two last notes Sept. & Oct.

The detached quarter section of which you spoke was not included in the 1966 Acres sold, though he wants it & would have purchased it, he had known it. I told his man that he could have it at the same price & that I would accept it untill we hear from him. I think he spoke also upon about the mortgage portion of that tract. He said intimated his intention to do so. You would do well to see Mr. Wiggs upon it at all events.

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The sale of the Plum tract has not been consumated too of the parties have flown the tracks on account of the fall of cotton. I have not heard from Robins Jr. If it is not sold this winter I would advise that you raise the price, as land is becoming more valuable every day. I have made no collections for you except the little note of John Crawford Jr. Jim as above, I have only little cotton shipped or sold from this neighbourhood. We have at last got our gin in Operation, but we shall be late in Going we have gathered the rest of 90 000 lb cotton Jim will make about 120 000 lb. This is nearly done picking. I have can not get done for a month even if the weather should prove favourable, though the storm that we had a few days since has helped him wonderfully. The very depressed state of our cotton crop I fear will through to the minds, Boy cherished hopes of freedom. A heavy unfortunate accident occured at Mrs house a few Sundays ago; In the absence of all the white persons Jim & Andrew came into the house & were sporting with the guns. Jim had the rifle that Mr Price had with him in Texas & was standing in the door with it to shew One of Travis Boys & Dents Henry Come along. Travis Boy & Jim were talking Jim presented the gun at him as he had been doing at others last at this time Henry Came up. The gun fired the

The ball passed almost directly through his head killing him instantly. He has had his trial & has cleared. There having been no evidence of his intention to do mischief. Some of the Smart ones say I will have to pay for the boys killed. I do not know how it is, I think it likely.

Simpson is married to Miss White of London you perhaps know something of her. He is a brave if not a prudent boy to take poverty thus full in the face. She appears to be a sensible & industrious girl & will I have no doubt do her part quite as well as he will. They will stay with Mr. Thos upon at least. Atkinson is attending Medical lectures in N. O. I Rec'd a letter from him last August the 4th. He was then well; I do not see how I could send Kate so far from me. It would probably be to her advantage though. I think she has improved a good deal faster at home than she ever did at school.

We have no shade now & shall not have this year. I am not much concerned about it, for I think it quite as necessary for some people to learn to work as to learn any thing else.

Tell the Boys I am going to travel Randy for his health. I suspect he will go to every point of the Campas as his guide will be the Plow.

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26 APRIL 1858

Col. Jno. Hill
Waverly Walker Co Texas

Marion La Apr 26 1858

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Dear Sir

Your favour of the 8th Inst was duly Rec'd. We were glad to have of your continued good health & prosperity. Anything I observe we hardly ever hear from you place without hearing that Gustus Powell is very sick or is just getting out of a bad spell of Sick headache. Sick headache must originate from some derangement of the Stomach & Nothing I suspect would have so salutary an effect on him as Emetic. Calomel frequently before this, but greatly benefited by it. There is no doubt but that it would put an end to his Sick headache. It appears to me that he might make it agreeable by traveling to this county.

I am sorry that I cannot write you something more agreeable in business matters. I once thought this year would be the best that we have had for many but it has turned out otherwise. I have made but little collection for you.

Maj. Moor made no further resistance in the Nesen Note & you have judgment. Everett promised to pay this year. Mrs. E. Benson paid yesterday

Mr Willingham for Cole paid the amt. of which you rec.d information from Tailler Stevenson & Co

I have since sent a draft on my own a/c to them for $1000 cts with which I ordered you to have Cr. for $800 cts intending to use such amt of your money when collected as I was compelled to leave. Willingham (for Cole) paid me $140 cts & drew drafts amounting to $1200 cts & his own note $700 cts for the balance which which he promised to pay soon. One of the drafts for $400 cts was returned for non payment

I informed him of the fact, in reply he said he would be down as soon as he could & pay it.

Cole wrote to Brazeale wishing to know if it had all been paid promptly, & requesting to be informed immediately if it was not so that, he could make the payment himself he has been informed how the matter stands

May 31st I saw Maj. Moon on yesterday. He says that, Reese, promised to send him the money immediately if judgement went against him. He has written to, but has no answer from Reese. His land is levied on & advertised for sale on Saturday next It will of course go into a twelve months bond

Should Reese send the money I have no doubt the Maj. will find a place to put it. Everett's indebtedness is on the Maj. to pay what, the Estate owes you I fear that, that, will be slow

I was advised by Dr McGuire to compromise
With Hunt for the killing of his boy by Finis
which I did at $650.00 The Asst. to Ewd your
& The Smith & Plummer note I used in a settlement
with him. I wrote to Dean about the rope but
Rec'd no reply. have since heard that he did not get
the letter I have written again but as yet Rec'd
no reply. On yesterday I saw Branch who
owned for Dunn at the time. He said they got
it at the same time they got the Spinning
Machine. The spinning machine. Hart says that
he has tryed to learn a negro to spin on it—
but could not succeed to any profit. I believe
they do not use it at all. He proposes, to return
it. take it at $60.00 The following has been collected
A. E. Benson $17.00. A. Bufford $3.00. J E Benson $2.75
Jeffs & Graves $11.37½ of which I believe you are in pos.
Marshal Day $15.10 Ed B Le Gear $6.75 P. R. Bell 7.
Goldsby $25.00 M Day $34.20 C. Abbott $203.57 I Graves
Newton & Robinson $38.75 Buford Smith & day $7.00 Douglas
& Wafford $20.50 C B. Thomas $89.83 Wm Smith $27.27
Smith & Lupo $25.41 Smith & Plummer $179.28 I have
taken the above from the books as I find them &
Mrs Bryant & Ross will not pay this year. They
all have heavy crops, some hope for next year—
Goldsby will pay nothing this year. Mrs Goldsby
was presented with a note on him for 40 or 50
dollars & told to educate her children with it.—

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Some friends are desirous of the Think that an effort will be made to cover his property with it. My own opinion is that, when he collects the Andrews Money he will pay his debts. he has told me as much.

D. Cooper has promised, vacillated did a[illegible] done nothing as yet. nor do I believe he will this year. Thy boy he is very much in debt. One of his Creditors wants him sued. I sent Morrison to the swamp to see Mayo. He was not at home, so that Morrison did not get to see him. They say he is speculating on Land Orders &c, Corrades, If he does not pay I would say sue at the fall Court. I believe all the rest have promised to pay. I had the pleasure of reading your Answer to Dr White of some two weeks since. Rec'd a letter from Wm this Morning. My present determination in writing renders me incapable of any defence against the inquisitorial allegations alledged against me in yours to Dr W—. as I fear I can not make it better must leave it, as it is. Tell Sister Sarah & Nancy that, I feel ashamed of the manner in which I have negotiated them. And like all the poor sinners who are making their way to the said place by sins of Omission, think that injustice will be better. This leaves us all well, with fine appetites short, allowance, Late & Foul. Crops.

My Love & Best Respects to all

Thos Sayle

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29 SEP 1858

Marion La Sept 29th 1858

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Bal. Isaac Hill

Dear Sir

We were all very agreeably surprised on the arrival of our Texas visitors. After living in company with them some time they all looked natural. The boys & Pete are very much altered in every respect & I must say for the better. I think you have good reason to be proud of them such children, but this is becoming personal so I will stop.

It has been my misfortune not to see as much of them as I would have liked, I dont believe that I have spent three hours with Miss Nancy since she has been here I have had more sickness this season than for many previous years.

But with this very little fatality about Jamesville it has been more fatal. Mrs. Rabard Old Bruno Mrs. Culverhouse Old Mrs. Gallafin two or three of Darby's children are soon

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of The victims at Quachita City. Wright
That, maid Bill Grey's Wife Mrs John
Norsworthy & Old. Mrs Ellis,

2 Our Cotton crops are as poor as you
ever saw raised in This neighbourhood I do
not think That, I can make more
than 300# per Acre, Yours Old place
216 Acres 25 or 30 bags. Hart & Rap 40 to 50
Lands 100 bags. Old Elias says he has the
poorest crop he ever raised, but enough
of This The boys Bruce can tell you
more about it Than I have time to write.

Soon after I wrote you last I saw
Hoyo. He promised That, he would hand
his first picking in The Miss. River & sold
for your benefit. Cooper when he found
That, he would be sued came down
& promised That, he would out of his
first ginning of his cotton hand to
The landing a sufficient amount to sats-
fy The debt he owes you, subject to my
Order. Everett has done nothing The fact
is I have not had time to call on him
The Cole debt, is not all yet paid.
There is yet unpaid about $100, on which
Willingham promised to pay soon $60.00
more paid recently $50.00 of which I sent

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Ed F. C. & Co I have just received this
Acknowledgement of its receipt. They prom-
ise to acknowledge the yarn. I hope made no
further collections. It is not Eales fault
that the money was not paid in his col
he had made his arrange & thought it would
be paid promptly. He expects to move
out this fall. The Kerr debt is in a 12
months bond.

Susan Lains me in love to you
all

Respectfully yours D. C & C
Sam Boyles

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27 APRIL 1857

Col Rusk Hill
Kimbly Texas

Macon Ga April 27/57

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Dear Sir

I have been long expecting to reply to yours two last January but for causes not very satisfactory have not done so as yet. But long since I sent a draft of C I Powell for the amt, due you & directed F. G. & Co. to credit you with $600.00 on my account. This amt, will not cover the amt, called for yours If you do not particularly need it I will keep it until next season. I made a very poor crop last year. Rented about $3000.00 Made a other poor Collections, & having incurred some liabilities, paid

X Myself & party. Tite am.

I have collected the debt of Everett, Moon Mundy all of Singleton Bishop & Co of Georgia There is yet ten dollars due from him, Esq. Ford paid his little acc the other day. There was a small mistake in your favour in it. This I believe (without referring to the books) is all that I have collected which is unacknowledged. I believe that you have been informed that Cooper has paid & that the funds are in the hands of F. G. & Co

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Mary has been over & Lucite sick above Mrs. I did not see them but urged to do so

by going to see Daniel, he told me that Mayo opposed much against that, he could not pay you. He said that he had shortly been return-ed from the Swamp & saw the man that bought Mayo out. He had been disappointed in getting the money from Bispham & could not pay Mayo so that it made a disappointment all round.

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It does not appear that the swamp is a very money making place for Daniel has not paid Dr White & myself yet & it is because he has not been able. Goldsby has paid nothing but says not to be sued, says that he will pay certainly before it can be collected. He has paid Pullen by procuring a $1000.00 of accommodation drafts, I believe that he has paid almost all his other debts except those not due & what he owes to you. He has sued Cooper for what is due on the Andrews debt with that & a good crop he will be able to pay all that he owes. Beside this he is offering the place on which he lives for sale, Cooper to retaliate entered the land around him & says that he has taken a good portion of the best part of his farm. That he has been offered $5. cash per acre for it if he could give possession, which he can not do until this crop is gathered. Goldsby says it is not worth $2 per acre so they go

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The debt of Willingham for 1st note of $ col-

[illegible] your [illegible] that [illegible]
action. It was in this note Willingham was
owing Cole & promised to pay that debt for
him which he did in cash drafts on others
& a note of his own. Some of the drafts were
returned for non payment, leaving a balance
of some seven hundred dollars still unpaid.
Willingham is a man of considerable property
& I am told perfectly good. I am expecting to
hear from him every day, if he does not pay
soon I will put it in suit.
The land trade is again a failure. 10 or 12 days
before the time it was to be closed a gentleman
called & offered to take the place at the price
stipulated, but I did not feel justified in selling
until the time had expired agreed upon.
Since then he has concluded to look about
for sometime before he purchases. He is a
brother in law of Sol Robinsons. I was in con-
versation a few days since with Sam Robinson
& told him that I intended to write to you
& advise you to rise on it that it was
worth more. He said that the last person
mentioned the tract would buy the Lowndes
place & if he did he would buy your land
for his Brother in law provided you did
not ask too much on it.
I am planting this year 24 acres in cotton
on my best land & about the same in corn

If I am blessed with seasons I hope to make a better show than last year, I have about 40 acres yet to plant which I plant late from choice. I shall get over plowing my corn in a few days tomorrow if it does not rain too much it is now raining. We have had a fine Spring but for its being rather cool we had considerable frost last week which did not damage us much except in putting back our crops

The health of our county is generally very good though we have some sickness. S.M.B. old woman Shanklin a week after confinement last Xmas was very sick & had several fits, but is now better & I think will recover. Since I commenced writing Dr. White informed me that he had Rec. a letter from you & that, you had lost another valuable negro you are certainly having very bad luck some ways. Tell Mary she must write to me again & Robert, I believe I have an unanswered letter from him, he must not be offended, I will write to him as soon as I can & he must write again. Tell Mrs Powell M. D. that Marion boys of knowing her sent for several times in preference to me that however is no great compliment. I have but little this year, I think some 6 or 800 dollars. Randy had a chill today I hope all well

Give my love to All. Yours Truly

John Boyles

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Marion Feby 1st 1865

Col. John Hicks
Waverly Texas

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Dear Sir

I sent to Sullivan's store by Dr White $656.00 & requested them to inform you of the same. Mr Cole has today paid his last Note $2013.00 Which I will send as above as soon as I can. The 1st $656.00 was paid by Mr. H. Tolbert he is yet owing you a fraction over $100.00. I sent over to Mayo. He said he would be over in a short time & pay up.

I expect he will be able to do it, as he has made $1600.00 by trading This Fall. He sold a lot of negroes he purchased at Brothers Pasture Sale for $700.00 Profit. The balance he has made by trading on Mules. You perhaps recollect he purchased some land & negroes for which he paid $11.000.00 He has sold the land for $15.000 making the 6 Negroes $1000.00 clear, so you see he must be flush & the prospect for this paying good.

I have made no other collection. The note deposited with me for Mrs Jackson falls due Tuesday next. I will write her, what disposition does she want made with it. Please call & inform me. I expected before This to be able to inform you that your last track was sold to

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old Jimmy Wade. He looked at it & made
pleased Sent me word some Time next June
that he would be over soon since which I
have not heard from him. The price agreed
upon was Three dollars per acre the Spring 1/3
This Spring The balance in two years without
interest, I do not know the cause of this delay
I am happy to inform you that we are all well
Our little Sally was quite sick for 3 or 4 days
last week of cold but is quite well now
The health of the country is quite good Though
Th have heard of a few cases of much sev-
erity from cold Henry Phelps died 10 or 12 days since
of Pneumonia it is said he lived on Bayou Barbal-
ouse near Eastrop. We have had the
severest weather that I ever saw in the South
since it set in it has been almost constantly
cold until about two weeks since the Mercu-
ry ranging from 8° up a great deal of the time
as low as 30° for two weeks past we have
had beautiful weather almost like summer
until yesterday evening when the wind, ch-
anged suddenly & blew a gale from the north
The Mercury was found this morning at 17° and
at its highest elevation to day it was 38°

If Tiny have not already learned it, you
may see them that Addy Powell has a daugh-
ter, that her name is Ida. We think there
is a pretty good chance for a wedding in our

...ing to see Mrs Hayes Lecture on
The Hammonds Visit them pretty often &
I mean Mrs Benson. I see Chinks it Emmons
Mr George & his lady are expected daily from
Ala. By the way since he left his gin Gin
house & screw with about 30 bags of cotton
were burned by accident. I am clearing 50
60 acres east of My field. by your old place
it looks Trable sparse, but I count on any bottom
Tell Katie we cant come up with her
Aunt Sarah's Garden, we should have had
to plant last Fall to have such peas as
has. We had Cabbage Lettis & Mustard up
on yesterdays I guess there is not much of them
left today. Our Peas are just coming up
Tell Frank he must give Mary a thrashing
for me, & that I am going to exchange to Ala
in two or three days & give her yours for
mine. She scalded me Sally says tell Jake
to turn over here & she will help him
What about your trip to Anjalina? is it
timbered or Prairie land.
Susan joins me in love to you all
Yours Truly
John Taylor

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Col John Hill
Waverly Texas

Dear Sir

I wrote you about a month since (since when, I have none of yours favours to acknowledge) informing you of a remittance of between $26 & 27 hundred dollars. Faulkner & Stevenson have acknowledged receipt of it & say they have acknowledged to you. I have also started a draft by E. T. Powell for $1000.00 which amounts complete the payment for Colo. land I have sent Mayo's note to him & hope in a few days to have the money for it. I have also sent the note belonging to Mrs Jackson, I have no instructions from her what disposition she wishes made of it, when paid. I informed you in my last, that I expected to sell your Colo. land to Jno Eptud, since when I have not heard from him. One time he sent me word he had been sick, the other that he would be over soon & yet he does not come.

I believe I have no other business transaction of which to inform you. The health of the country is (with the exception of Col) very good but few cases require treatment.

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I have Dr Sinkins a note since he says Nine or Ten of Them most Prominent Citizens have died within a short Time Past. He says they died in the same way That his Son Wm did with all The Symptoms of yellow fever. Henry Phelps is dead, he lived near Bastrop on The Bayou. It is said of Pneumonia

I made a very poor crop of Corn & Cotton last year, I fear not corn enough to do me & had The misfortune to get 7 or 8 bags burned of my best cotton, which will make me (as I always am) very short of funds. I must beg That you will supply Yates necessities & Charge to my account. I shall be ready in two or Three days to plant Corn, I plant 150 acres in Corn, have it all bedd with 5 furrows a portion all plowed out

I am going to try to plant 200 acres in Cotton 55 of it new ground. If we keep healthy & are favored with good seasons— I hope to make a better show next year

Mr. E George returned from Ala— a short time since with his new wife We have called on Them she appears to be a sensible good woman & has seen good society. His children still keep up Their foolish enmity, None of Them have called on her. We here That The most bitter and hostile language has passed between him & They

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I was too late for the last mail, nor have I much time for this yesterday it rained all day

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Lill Kate I intended to have written to her by this mail, but as Marion writes by the last & Ed, by this I have concluded to defer it for a day or two. Tell her that Susan has 75 or 80 young chickens, & that her Peas are large enough to stake. I suppose her aunt Sarahs are blooming by this time. I have not time to write further. Give my love to all & for yourself accept my best wishes for your prosperity & happiness

John Drayton

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Office of Commissioner

28 SEP 1860(0?)

Col John Hill
Hardeeville Walton Co Fla

Marion Co Ala Sept 26. 1860

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Dear Sir

Your favour of the 11th reached me by the last mail. I am sorry to hear of Miss Sarah continued bad health. I hope yet that she may recover it a few before long. The health of our country is remarkably good. Swamp Fever. There is almost no sickness except in a few families. Mrs. White is one for the last two or three years they have had more sickness than formerly. Little John was quite sick a few days since, but was better yesterdays I have had some sickness in my family which you know is unusual. Barn has had three spells. The 1st was severe, I have had no other sickness worth mentioning. I perceive you are out of it coming fully up to your calculation a great portion of this country is doing no better. This immediate neighborhood has made enough for its consumption, a few will have to buy, others can sell. The cotton crop will be a full average I think so I have made corn enough to do me, I raised rather 40 or 500 lbs of cotton to the acre. Others are doing much better than this, say from 6 to 800 lbs

[illegible] your land to [illegible] Cole. When he came to look at your land & gave him the most Told him the no. of acres in the tract, & the price, I also pointed out the detached ¼ section & told him that you would sell that with or without & then & asked him to look at it telling him that you said it was the best land you had. When I and Dr White went down to make the title he had left for Ala leaving his omission to take the deed & give the note. He remarked that there was more than 160 acres. I told him that I had never made the addition but that you had, & that you was so generally correct, that I supposed he was mistaken. When I came to look at it I found that he had included the detached ¼. I asked him if Cole wanted that ¼ & that I knew with that quarter there was more than 160 acres. I told him as Mr Cole had left the note for only $6000 dollars that I would reserve the land until we could hear from him, In reply he said that he had written those notes & signed them himself. He that but for Dr White I should have given him a deed for the whole & made new notes including the ¼, for the ¼ Dr White thought it would be an irregular way of transacting business & advised to postpone until we heard from Cole, It must on the notes marked ¼ & when he might to pay claiming the whole tract, as belonging to the trade

and I promised to undertake it. Thereupon I at once proposed that I paid him a draft for the proceeds of the original deed if I could get another. When I went to give it to him he pulled out the Mortgage & said that that contained the true No. of the land purchased by him. On examination I found that in copying the No. from the power of Attorney I had included inadvertently the disputed ¼. I told him I would give him a deed for the land I sold to Cole however, he said, did not want the deed unless the disputed ¼ was included. I expect that is already made.

When I received the instructions concerning the note of Phillips & Cupps, I wrote to Lupo requesting him to get one of them to secure the debt of J. Edwards informing him what my instructions were & that he requested that I would wait until he could go down & see what he could do with Edwards, stating that that he did not know that his sister was in needitous circumstances, that he had but recently sent her money & that, so soon as he could purchase a draft he would send her $200 or more. Some time after this he writes me that he has seen Edwards & the Lawyer & that Edwards promised to make the note good. He is now pursuing Grady & Coburn Clerking for Wile of Cachita C.

I wish now the note presented it costs nothing & can do no harm.

I received a note the other day from a Mr

J. J. H. Mackie offering to sell you
your Lot & tract of land for $1.50 per Acre
in 1 & 2 years. I wrote to him that if he would
close the trade immediately he could have it
at the price he offered & credit the balance
one & two years with interest from date. That I
had several times been disappointed by persons
contracting for it & not closing the trade
soon I should sell to the first person who came
or rise in the price & I saw fit. This was 3 or 4 days
since. I have not heard from him. He addressed
me from Hedleborough. Randolph. Got a letter
from one of your Virginia boys. The Thursday they
were well & well pleased. I hope Stella will make
good use of her opportunities. I could do anything
thing I must beg of you to furnish it. At
the same time, I hope she will restrict her
expences as near to her actual necessities as possible.
I sometimes wish that I could get away from
this miserable poor country. There are given in
documents now than ever to remain. Our Lording
is in the hands of vilons that I believe burned any
cattan last year. I shall have to haul to Cuero
Ctg. And then again when I reflect that will
thus we doing. I think it is my fault that I do
not succeed better. On this made however I am
determined, if ever I am able I will try some other
place. My love to all.

Respectfully Yours &c. John Taylor

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2 Jan 1861

Marion Jany 21st 1861

Col John Hill
County Surveyor

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 17th inst is before me with sundries from S. Cole. I believe in a former communication I wrote to you all the particulars in relation to that matter. What I wrote was as in every particular true. I never thought him circumscribed in his claim & felt sorrow for his mistake. I now believe he means he is claiming what does not belong to him. I see that he writes to you that Bragg will testify that it was in the disputed 1/4 former deed. He writes to me from Habana March 12th /59 that Bragg informs him that it was not included in the deed. He certainly will be a valuable witness testifying both ways. It has no weight to the Land Office. I will sell it for $ 6 pr acre

C. L. Traylor
1555 Candlelight Drive
Las Cruces, N

if not otherwise instructed by you

Your Lock Land was sold in Nov of which I informed you in Kates letter soon after words It was sold to a Dr Macklin for three dollars per acre 1/3 on 15th day of July next The balance in one & two years with interest from date on all the notes

A short time before last Court Col Th & wife accidentally stayed all night with us They were just from Mayo's & in the course of conversation he mentioned that Mayo was speaking of what he owed you & said that he was to pay 12 p cent interest which he would & should be able to do this winter stating & Justice that he had $10,000 dollars in Mortgage notes that, he was sure to get

I was about to comment but thought that if I did so the unlawful interest would be lost that it was worth another trial so I did not comment but

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I sent the Note of Phelps & Lupo over to be presented to the administrators of S. H. Phelps. The young man that owed the other debt gave to the Attorney near $1200. dollars in notes & a/c. the most of which they say is good. He proposed further to sell two old negroes belonging to him to pay the balance, this of cours did not suit, but it showed a willingness on his part to pay. I hope Mr L will loose nothing in that debt,

I made about 100,000 # cotton but as cotton is turning out badly from the seed I do not expect to get more than 60 Bags. I have ginned but a few days. We are using the old fashioned Cotton Trashier & duster that was used 25 or 30 years ago in alabama. It improves the sample of our cotton very much. Dr White is not done picking cotton yet. I am helping them if the weather remains good a few days longer, we will get it done. We did not make as long a crop

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Marion Apr 8th 1861

Col John Hill
Waverly Texas

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Dear Sir

Your favour of the 11th March has been received. I am sorry to learn that Katies health is bad. It is a consolation to know however, that her disease is one more of annoyance than danger.

As respects the Cole controversy, I believe I once before stated to you all the particulars.

When he called on me to get a map of the land in order that he might look at it, I showed him the map you left with me for the benefit of Mrs Bryant. That map I have never since been able to find & have sometimes thought it was in company with his lost deed. The one you sent with the Power of Attorney, and which was identical with it in so far as his purchase & the 1/4 in dispute is concerned) is the one since used. After showing him the map & telling him that you said there was 1960 acres in round numbers & I then

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As he says Truly "plaid my fingers on the disputed
1/4" & said Mr Cole there is a 1/4 section detached
from this tract, which Mr Hill will sell with
or without it, & advised him to look at it, saying
that you told me it was the best land you had.
He says I "bosted on it" &c I told him that I had
never seen it. Now it appears to me that any
man of ordinary judgment would have known
that it was not offered with the other at $600;
He say I told him that $6000 would purchase all
south of a certain line. If I said so it was in
reference to the 1960 acres offered at that price
& the 1/4 section was to be sold with or without
the other tract, no one would suppose it would
be at the same price. $600, was the only unimproved
land. I think, perhaps it would be as well to leave
it to arbitration as there is no prospect of selling
land in this county soon.

Jack Martin paid his 1st note & bonds 1st March.
that is he paid $811,00 which was sent to H & G
in a few days, They say to me that they have
acknowledged to you there was a mistake
in the time I counted interest. $18.11 which
has been since paid

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I took Mayo's draft payable 20th March for the amt. due from him. It was returned for non payment a few days since. But for the same I morning I should have sent to day to get this note or the money. I shall send to morrow if he does not pay, sue immediately.

I have written to Mr Lupo giving him the direction you desire. I sent the note of Phelps & Lupo for allowans ~~& directed~~ The attourney for Mrs Phelps denies that it is a firm note says it never went to the use & benefit of the firm

It sounds a little strange to here you speak of planting cotton so early. Allmost every day of ours before last we had frost.

I have a pretty good stand of corn & had commenced planting cotton but the rain stoped me, It is now raining very hard.

I am planting about 200 Acres of my land in cotton & about the same in corn. 70 Acres in Oats.

This leaves us all well. Dr White starts to the City to morrow I shall send this by him to be mailed in the city. Love to all

Respectfully & truly yours

John Taylor

2 JUN 1861

Marion June 2nd 1861

Col John Hill
Waverly Texas

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 6th May was duly a few days since. I read in company with one of the 15th Assist Jran Eaton

I was glad to learn that your health was good. It is a great blessing to be well, when surrounded with such fearfull times.

The note of Mayo which was taken in place of the returned draft I have placed in the hand of an attorney for collection. Though I think it very doubtfull whether there will be any Courts in this State to decide civil suits for some time to come. You have no doubt learned through the public press that the courts are only held to decide criminal cases. This example will in all

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probability be followed in the
Country.

I will attend to your directions
regarding the business of Mr Jackson

I will also submit the controversy
with Cole to arbitrators. Though
it is much against my judgment
to do so. He has no more just claim
to that land, than the man that
never heard of it. He knows well
the object in the easiest way to get rid
of it. I do not believe you can
be loosers.

Pinto has got home. He had
enlisted for twelve months, but as
the call for another term was filled
& they would take no more for
a less term than the war he came
back. (Marion Rangers) Jacks home
enlisted for the full term of the
war. I never expect to see them
again, for I have no hope that
it will terminate until total
ruin shall have swept over the
length & breadth of our once happy
land.)

The Tone of the northern papers shows in what Spirit it will be conducted. Quite all civil wars it will be bloody Cruel & devastating. Oh! That petty councils had prevailed

Kate writes me that she owes about $900 dollars. I fear I shall not be able to pay all of it until I make an other crop.

Our crops are tolerable promising Corn is beginning to suffer a little for rain but we have had a little shower to day (Thu 3rd) and a prom of more. Our Cotton is backward but, there is full time for that. If nothing prevents to prevent you may look for me about the 2nd of July

Give my love to all

Truly Yours

John Drayton

I have written to Kate by this date

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Col Jno Hill } Marion La July 15/63
Waverly Walker Co Texas }

Dear Sir

C.V. Powell Starts for your place tomorrow Morning. By him I send you the money for the note of Mayo $107.21/100 after paying the collecting fee. The money has been collected for some two months I have had no opportunity to send it until now.

You will have heard before this reached you of the Fall of Vicksburg & Port Hudson. & see there is no hope of our getting away from this place. We have not heard certainly the particulars of the surrender of Vicksburg in which we have so much at stake but see from nothing of the fate of our friends. There has been no mail from there for more than two months. We can only hope that they are all living. The report is that the whole garrison was paroled the officers going out with their side arms on, we do not know that there is any thing certain about it. Further than that it has surrendered.

You will survive the mercy of every one who has any thing to take care of getting away from this place. But the question is when shall we go. It would be useless to stop any where near this place we should probably have to move again soon. If we could do it I would be glad to make our move do. I have thought of Austin & Country Place but do not know whether or not we shall be able to subsist there until we can make a crop. There is still another difficulty I have no money between 50 & 60 Bags of Cotton unsold. Now we must if we go out about Austin through Waverly would be about as near way as we could go

Mr White is now willing to move we are all going to fix up for that end I have thought of the Trinity country but there has been such a tide of emigration that direction that I fear it will not do for us. If we could get supplies I think it would be best to go the second time but beyond Austin until the war is over. Where best to go I do not know. I shall be there mainly dependent which is a very bad one My health is very poor all our mail friends are in the Army Gus has joined a company & gone You have no doubt heard of the sad fate of Marion's fall at Fredericksburg rather at Chancellorsville he was killed instantly by a piece of shell it was almost accidental but it was Gods will & we have no right to murmur It is said that Pemberton fell at Vicksburg We hear from Randolph occasionally through him from your boys. We hear the cannon booming almost constantly in the direction of Vicksburg we have some troops in the swamps I do not think it is true & it is too good to hope that the report of the fall of Vicksburg is not true

Our crops in this County are above an average I think we plant nothing but Cane Rice & Potatoes & we do not know that we can make any disposition of them when gathered The health of the neighborhood is good There is whooping Cough just at us I suppose that we can not avoid getting it This leaves us well except Miss Martha Fuller she has been quite sick for 10 or 12 days but is better. Love & best respects to all

Yours truly

Geo Thayer

Cont'd 26 APRIL 1858

Influenza has prevailed more universally through this Country than I ever knew it, though but few Cases assume a serious aspect.

Tell Sister Sarah & Nancy To Through them headache & bad spells to the dogs & laugh & grow fat. There is no use in this being always sick.

This leaves us all in good health with fine appetites but not so much to eat. Give my love to them & all the rest of the family, Please tell Brothers Champion & Wm I should like very much to hear from them.

Respectfully yours &c

John Snyder

I find that my deed is not full & I have yet some time to spare. The Roff & Bryants have got their property. They compromised with Gaddy at the time of five Thousand dollars. He paying all cost. They have not yet settled with Mr Long & Hunter. They appehend a dificulty. Hart & Mrs Locke seem to know nothing about your case for Rope Mrs Locke says she is satisfyed they never got rope but once & that that was paid I have written to Dan about it sometime since but Rec'd no reply, Please write me about it.

They have made a fine crop this year 11 bags [illegible] and on the old place. I understand D[illegible] he is done with the swamp, & intends [illegible] here (on his place) & the boys with [illegible]

Wm Lankins is married to Miss [illegible]

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